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For: SHAPE MEASURING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 16, 17, 22 and 25 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

- 3. (Amended) The shape measuring device according to claim 1, characterized in that the measuring head comprises driving means for being moved along the guide rail.
- 4. (Amended) The shape measuring device according to claim 1, characterized in that the second position detection means comprises